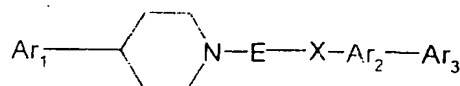


Claims

1. A compound of formula (I), physiologically acceptable prodrugs, salts or solvates thereof;



(I)

wherein

Ar<sub>1</sub> is:

- (i) phenyl, naphthyl or phenyl fused by a C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl; or
- (ii) heterocyclyl selected from the list consisting of: monocyclic radicals and fused polycyclic radicals, wherein said radicals contain a total of from 5-14 ring atoms, wherein said radicals contain a total of from 1-4 ring heteroatoms independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, and wherein individual rings of said radicals may be independently saturated, partially unsaturated or aromatic, provided that at least one ring is aromatic;

where Ar<sub>1</sub> is optionally substituted by 1-4 R<sup>1</sup> groups which may be the same or different;

Ar<sub>2</sub> is a phenyl group, a 5-6 membered heteroaromatic group or a bicyclic heteroaromatic group, each of which is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the list: C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>acyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>acyloxy, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OH, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub>, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>OR<sup>a</sup>, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C(O)NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub>, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CN, C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenyl, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -OSO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, -OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub> and -CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>;

Ar<sub>3</sub> is:

- (i) phenyl, naphthyl or phenyl fused by a C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl; or
- (ii) heterocyclyl selected from the group consisting of monocyclic radicals and fused polycyclic radicals, wherein said radicals contain a total of from 5-14 ring atoms, wherein said radicals contain a total of from 1-4 ring heteroatoms independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, and wherein individual rings of said radicals may be

independently saturated, partially unsaturated, or aromatic, providing that at least one ring is aromatic,

wherein Ar<sub>3</sub> is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>perfluoroalkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, halogen (such as chlorine), nitrile, nitro, C<sub>1-4</sub>perfluoroalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulfonyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminosulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonyl and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfoxy;

E is -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene-;

X is -CONR<sup>a</sup>- or -NR<sup>a</sup>CO- (where the left hand side of the linkage is attached to E);

wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>a</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or hydrogen;

R<sub>x</sub> and R<sub>y</sub> are independently hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxy or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy,

where R<sub>x</sub> and R<sub>y</sub> are not both hydroxy or both C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy; or R<sub>x</sub> and R<sub>y</sub> together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a

5-membered ring which ring is optionally substituted by

-O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C(O)NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub>, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CN, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>OR<sup>a</sup>,

-O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub>, -OSO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C(O)NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub>,

-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CN, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>OR<sup>a</sup>, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C(O)R<sup>a</sup>,

-SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub>, -SO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, -CH=CHC(O)NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub>, -CH=CHCN,

-CH=CHCO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, -C(O)NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub> and C<sub>2-5</sub>alkenyl;

n and m are independently 1-4; and

p is 0-4.

A compound according to claim 1 wherein Ar<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, naphthyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl, indolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl or indazolyl.

A compound according to claim 2 wherein Ar<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl or indolyl.

- 4 A compound according to any preceding claim wherein E is n-butylene.
- 5 A compound according to any preceding claim wherein X is  $-NR^aCO-$ .
- 5 6 A compound according to any preceding claim wherein  $Ar_2$  is phenyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazolyl or imidazolyl.
- 7 A compound according to claim 6 wherein  $Ar^2$  is optionally substituted by one or two substituents independently selected from the list:  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, halogen,  
10 hydroxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, hydroxy $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, amino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, mono- $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, di- $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $-O(CH_2)_nC(O)NR_xR_y$  (where  $R_x$  and  $R_y$  are independently hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl and n is 1-3) or  $-CO_2(CH_2)_pCH_3$  (where p is 0-3).
- 15 8 A compound according to any preceding claim wherein  $Ar_3$  is phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, furyl or thienyl.
- 9 A compound according to claim 8 wherein  $Ar_3$  is substituted by  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulfonylamino, fluoro $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulfonylamino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylcarbonylamino,  
20 fluoro $C_{1-4}$ alkylcarbonylamino, halogen, nitrile,  $C_{1-4}$ perfluoroalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylcarbonyl, fluoro $C_{1-4}$ alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylaminocarbonyl or di- $C_{1-4}$ alkylaminocarbonyl.
- 10 A compound according to claim 1 wherein  
25  $Ar_1$  is phenyl, naphthyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl, indolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl or indazolyl; where  $Ar_1$  is optionally substituted by 1-4  $R^1$  groups which may be the same or different;  
 $Ar_2$  is phenyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazolyl or imidazolyl; each of which is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from  
30 the list:  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, halogen, hydroxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, hydroxy $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, amino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, mono- $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, di- $C_{1-4}$ alkylamino $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $-O(CH_2)_nC(O)NR_xR_y$  and  $-CO_2(CH_2)_pCH_3$ ;  
 $Ar_3$  is phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, furyl or thienyl; wherein  $Ar_3$  is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the  
35 group consisting of:  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulfonylamino (such as  $-NHSO_2CH_3$ ,  $-NHSO_2CH(CH_3)_2$ ), fluoro $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulfonylamino (such as

-NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino,  
fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, halogen (such as chlorine), nitrile,  
C<sub>1-4</sub>perfluoroalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl,  
aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl and di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl;

5 E is n-butylene;

X is -NR<sup>a</sup>CO-;

R<sup>1</sup> is halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>a</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or hydrogen;

R<sub>x</sub> and R<sub>y</sub> are independently hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

10 n is 1-3; and

p is 0-3.

11 A compound according to claim 1 wherein

Ar<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl or indolyl; where Ar<sub>1</sub> is optionally

15 substituted by 1-2 R<sup>1</sup> groups which may be the same or different;

Ar<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazolyl or imidazolyl; each of which

is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from

the list: C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,

aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, mono-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,

20 di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C(O)NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub> and -CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>;

Ar<sub>3</sub> is phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl or thienyl; wherein Ar<sub>3</sub> is

optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the

group consisting of: C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>,

-NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as

25 -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino,

fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, halogen (such as chlorine), nitrile,

C<sub>1-4</sub>perfluoroalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl,

aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl and di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl;

E is n-butylene;

30 X is -NHCO-;

R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sub>x</sub> and R<sub>y</sub> are independently hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

n is 1-3; and

p is 0-3.

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12 A compound according to claim 1 wherein

- Ar<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl or indolyl; where Ar<sub>1</sub> is substituted by 1-2 R<sup>1</sup> groups which may be the same or different;
- Ar<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazolyl or imidazolyl; each of which is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the list: hydroxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, mono-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C(O)NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub> and -CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>;
- Ar<sub>3</sub> is phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, furyl or thienyl; wherein Ar<sub>3</sub> is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the group consisting of: C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, halogen (such as chlorine), nitrile, C<sub>1-4</sub>perfluoroalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl and di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl;
- E is n-butylene;
- X is -NHCO-;
- R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;
- R<sub>x</sub> and R<sub>y</sub> are independently hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;
- n is 1-3; and
- p is 0-3.
- 13 A compound according to claim 1 wherein
- Ar<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl or indolyl; where Ar<sub>1</sub> is optionally substituted by 1-2 R<sup>1</sup> groups which may be the same or different;
- Ar<sub>2</sub> is pyridyl, oxazolyl, pyrazolyl or imidazolyl; each of which is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the list: C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, mono-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C(O)NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub> and -CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>;
- Ar<sub>3</sub> is phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, furyl or thienyl; wherein Ar<sub>3</sub> is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the group consisting of: C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, halogen (such as chlorine), nitrile,

C<sub>1-4</sub>perfluoroalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl,  
aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl and di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl;

E is n-butylene;

X is -NHCO-;

5 R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sub>x</sub> and R<sub>y</sub> are independently hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

n is 1-3; and

p is 0-3.

10 14 A compound according to claim 1 wherein

Ar<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl or indolyl; where Ar<sub>1</sub> is optionally  
substituted by 1-2 R<sup>1</sup> groups which may be the same or different;

Ar<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazolyl or imidazolyl; each of which  
is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from  
15 the list: C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, mono-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di-  
C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C(O)NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub> and -CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>;

Ar<sub>3</sub> is phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, furyl or thienyl; wherein Ar<sub>3</sub> is  
optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the  
20 group consisting of: C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>,  
-NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as  
-NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino,  
fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, halogen (such as chlorine), nitrile,  
C<sub>1-4</sub>perfluoroalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl,  
25 aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl and di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl;

E is n-butylene;

X is -NHCO-;

R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sub>x</sub> and R<sub>y</sub> are independently hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

30 n is 1-3; and

p is 0-3.

15 A compound according to claim 1 wherein

Ar<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl or indolyl; where Ar<sub>1</sub> is optionally  
35 substituted by 1-2 R<sup>1</sup> groups which may be the same or different;

- Ar<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazolyl or imidazolyl; each of which is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the list: C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, mono-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C(O)NR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub> and -CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>;
- Ar<sub>3</sub> is pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, furyl or thienyl; wherein Ar<sub>3</sub> is optionally substituted by 1-4 groups independently selected from the group consisting of: C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonylamino (such as -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>), C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, fluoroC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl and di-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminocarbonyl;
- E is n-butylene;
- X is -NHCO-;
- R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;
- R<sub>x</sub> and R<sub>y</sub> are independently hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;
- n is 1-3; and
- p is 0-3.
- 16 A compound according to claim 1 selected from the list:
- 2-Hydroxymethyl-4'-trifluoromethyl-biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid {4-[4-(1H-indol-3-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-amide (Example 1);
- 2-(4-Cyano-phenyl)-4-hydroxymethyl-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid {4-[4-(1-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-amide (Example 7);
- 2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4-hydroxymethyl-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid {4-[4-(1-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-amide (Example 10);
- 5-(4-Cyano-phenyl)-2-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid {4-[4-(1-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-amide (Example 21);
- 4-(5-Chloro-thiophen-2-yl)-N-{4-[4-(1-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-benzamide (Example 23);
- 4-(5-Chloro-pyridin-2-yl)-N-{4-[4-(1-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-benzamide (Example 32);

- 4-(6-Chloro-pyridin-3-yl)-N-{4-[4-(1-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-benzamide (Example 34);
- 6-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-N-{4-[4-(1-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-nicotinamide (Example 38);
- 5 6-(4-Cyano-phenyl)-N-{4-[4-(1-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-nicotinamide (Example 39);
- 6-(5-Chloro-thiophen-2-yl)-N-{4-[4-(1-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-nicotinamide (Example 40); and
- 10 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4-dimethyl-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid {4-[4-(1-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-piperidin-1-yl]-butyl}-amide (Example 45).
- 17 A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as defined in any preceding claim and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
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- 18 The use of a compound defined in any one of claims 1 to 16 in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of conditions resulting from elevated circulating levels of LDL-cholesterol.
- 20 19 A compound defined in any one of claims 1 to 16 for use as a medicament.